

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 is an additional plan view of filter assembly 1 of Figure 2. In Figure 3, filter 2 is shown without membrane 28. In Figure 3, it may be appreciated that filter assembly 1 includes a frame 26 comprising a plurality of struts 34. In the embodiment of Figure 3, frame 26 also includes a limiter ~~[[80]]~~58 that is coupled to struts 34.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, limiter ~~[[80]]~~58 limits the expansion of first portion 62 of filter 2 so that base diameter 68 is similar to inner diameter 66 of retrieval sheath 60 when filter 2 assumes the expanded shape. In the embodiment of Figure 3, limiter ~~[[80]]~~58 comprises a wire 82 which forms a loop 84 disposed about struts 34. Limiter ~~[[80]]~~58 may comprise various limiting elements without deviating from the spirit and scope of the present invention. Examples of limiting elements that may be suitable in some applications include wires, threads, rings, hooks, and loops.